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London, Nov. 6.—The political moralists have busy this week; for, after making a complete inventory of the virtues and vices of the American people, with a large balance in favor of the latter, they have been enabled to commend an election of their own in Lancashire. The three Ministers were simultaneously engaged in defending the Government on the night when the Middleton poll was announced, so that the Unionist disaster was apparently no unexpected blow. The moralists explain it in accordance with their individual bias, Lib-

tion is a sign of a widespread popular reaction against the Government, and Tories and Unitarians describing the division as a chameleon constituency which has never voted the same way twice in succession, and furthermore come torturing themselves with the reflection that by-elections never mean anything, and that the majority in power has lost only five seats should be in general election.

"The Times," having been warned in advance by Mr. Maxse, the bimetallicist Editor of "The National Review," that Middleton would go against the Government, blurs out the truth about Lancashire has flung itself wildly into the maze for bimetallicism, and that the defeat of the impudent proposals of the American silverites has contributed to the Liberal majority. A disaster under these conditions, it con-

ends, is not discreditable to the Government and, even at the risk of losing other constituencies under the same adverse influences, no encouragement should be given to a dangerous

currency craze. "The Times" is getting on; it resisted with difficulty, as it explained parenthetically, the temptation to use the word "incurtious" when the Wolcott proposals were published, and contented itself with "amusingly absurd" as a decorous substitute. Its irritation over the unattractive election now prompts it to describe the United States as "impudent" the response made by the United States and France to the resolutions passed in favor of bimetalism two successive years in Parliament. American impudence even has had a great run; for France, the most polite nation of Europe, has fully supported it, and a proud-spirited Unionist Government has gone to the length of considering

It has been rebuked by the united voice of London bankers, Lancashire is so infatuated as to sympathize with it. Elections in Liverpool

...ary one or both, the result cannot be attributed to bimetallic resentment, but rather to the general causes of dissatisfaction with the foreign and domestic policy of the Government. The prolonged labor war in the engineering trade has created a feeling of discontent among the working classes, and, although Mr. Ritchie has persisted in repeating his offers of mediation to which employers refuse to listen, the Government inevitably suffers from the social unrest whenever a by-election comes on. Timings already bad, with the engineering trade half paralyzed by the strike, with the tremor

another cut in the wages of tinplate workers and other disturbing causes, and the Opposition is gaining ground, even if its leaders are

Mr. Chamberlain says, "The Unionist Ministers are searching for a party cry. They were haunted when in office with having too big a programme, and ought not to be too harshly criticised if, in opposition, they have none at all." The Ministry, with a large majority, is in a danger, especially as the next session will be devoted to Irish measures, which Nationalist and Liberals may seek to improve, but again which they will not vote.

Mr. Balfour's speech at Norwich contained a judicious threat that Churchmen might

schools and capture the Board Schools outright for their creed and catechism. This was an ill-timed menace, since the London School Board elections are impending, and the victory of the progressive party over Mr. Diggle and the moderates and Mr. Riley and the conservatives is wellnigh certain. Mr. Balfour thrashed over old straw, and then inca-

Mr Michael Hicks-Beach was a safer leader
Sheffield, with his commonplaces about the bu
ens of the Empire and the positive declarati

chamberlain, fresh from his academic triumph in Glasgow, has made the only fighting speech.

that all the Unionist pledges have been redeemed, and that Lord Salisbury has triumphed gloriously in diplomacy, and then is coming out in his slashing style at Mr. John Morley and all Little-Englanders, and condemning with fine irony all Liberal criticism as strident shots fired by political snipers. Sir William Vernon-Harcourt is the only match for him on the Liberal side, and he will soon be heard of again.

...sudden onslaught upon the Government for its timidity in maintaining the interests of the great empire and for its rashness in inviting

...the Nile. This outbreak has been caused by the true but stale report that the suspension of military operations has been ordered when Baghdad shall have been occupied and the road to Khartoum shall be open with friendly tribes.

government vacillation. The story is an old one, but Tory reproaches are new. The discontinuance of the campaign is due to lack of money. The Egyptian Caisse will not advance, and Lord Salisbury is unwilling to supply

in the British Treasury without the sanction of Parliament. He is undoubtedly right in respecting the unwritten Constitution which arms the Commons with absolute authority over money grants. If Beaconsfield bought the Khedive's Suez Canal shares on his own responsibility it was a dangerous precedent, which

the real ground for criticism is the lack of foresight on the part of the Ministry in allowing the tender to make a fresh start and get with

... advance that the money available would not hold out. What the Ministers really want is

keep the question of the British withdrawal from Egypt open, so that the Franco-Russian demands cannot be inconveniently pressed. While mail advices from West Africa now reveal the fact that an open conflict of arms

priority in the Tiger Line campaign was surely presented six weeks ago by the timely withdrawal